

City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 17, 2017 6:30 p.m.
City Hall (Third Floor), 31 South Madison Street

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Chair Steve Culbertson at 6:30 pm

2. Roll Call:

Members	Present	Absent	Others Present
Chair Steve Culbertson	P		Community Development Dir. Jason Sergeant
Vice-chair Dan Stephans	A		Applicants - John Decker, John Chapin
Secretary Betsy Ahner	P		
Ald. Gene Lewis	P		
Matt Koser	A		
Cheryl Doerfer	P		
Steve Christens	A		

3. Motion to approve the agenda: The agenda was approved as printed.

4. Election of Commission Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary: Motion by Culbertson to elect the following officers – Chair, Dan Stephans; Vice-Chair, Steve Culbertson; Secretary, Betsy Ahner. Second by Doerfer. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the April 19, 2017 meeting and approve them as printed by Doerfer, seconded by Lewis. Approved unanimously.

6. Civility Reminder. Culbertson noted the City’s commitment to civil discourse.

7. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed. None.

8. Applications

- a.** 22 Montgomery Court – stairs, deck alterations, shed alterations and fence (Application HPC-2017-09). Motion by Ahner, seconded by Culbertson to approve the application. Approved unanimously.
- b.** 112 W. Liberty St. – new fence (Application 2017-10). Applicant John Decker was present to answer questions about the work to be done. A portion of the property currently has a chain link fence which will be removed and replaced with a new taller fence. Motion by Doerfer, seconded by Lewis to approve the application. Approved unanimously.
- c.** 117 W. Main St. – rear porch and other reconstruction (Application 2017-11) Applicant John Chapin was present to explain the work to be done. He has provided the Commission with a copy of materials submitted to the Wisconsin State Historical Society

which has approved his application. Unfortunately no photos exist of the original rear porch. His proposal attempts match existing features on the current porches to create a uniform look. Motion by Ahner, seconded by Culbertson to approve the application. Approved unanimously.

9. New Business

- a. No new business

10. Old Business

- a. Lake Leota Park – the Park Board has approved the planting of vines along the back fence.
- b. Updates regarding 15, 17 and 19 E Main Street – the Plan Commission has approved the site plan and design with the addition of a flat trim panel above the lower level windows
- c. Updates regarding 15 Mill Street – applicant is continuing to develop their plan
- d. Updates regarding Eager Free Library Expansion – the Post Office has asked for an extension to allow more time for construction. Library plans have been submitted to the State Historical Society which has stated the mass and scale of the addition will be too large and detract from the original construction. Also the west entrance is too prominent. The architect has done a new drawing and is consulting with the State Historical Society.

11. Report of the Community Development Director.

- a. Staff Issued certificates of appropriateness. None. However staff did make a decision that a request to mount a photo on the east side of a downtown building owned by Roger Berg did not need Commission approval because the photo was not a sign.
- b. **Other updates.** The new building inspector, Larry Schalk started two weeks ago and is doing a great job. He will be the enforcement go to person and is maintaining open office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8 AM to 9 AM. He will not be able to do proactive enforcement until fall because we are now in the busy construction season.

12. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns

- a. The Ethel Gibbs theatrical backdrop is being restored and will be on long term loan to Walter Shannon because the former Masonic Lodge is one of the few places in town large enough to display it. Also the City is going to be going through boxes of old records and workers should be cautioned that old HPC records need to be preserved.

13. Motion to adjourn by Doerfer, seconded by Lewis. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Dates: Wednesday 6/21/2017, 7/19/2017, and 8/16/2017